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Please pass this information along to a colleague.

Current News

* **E**PSQ version 2.2 is still being tested. We hope to release this version in November 2000. Version 2.2 will contain nearly **70** customer requested fixes and enhancements. In previous issues we provided selected examples. Below are several more for your review.

1. Paragraph eight of the Instructions for Completing This Form section of the Privacy Act Statement presently reads:

(All dates provided on this form must be in Month/Day/Year or Month/Year format. Use numbers (1-12) to indicate months. For example, June 8, 1978 should be shown as 6/8/78.)

This will change to:

(All dates provided in EPSQ must be in YYYY/MM/DD format. Use numbers (1-12) to indicate months. For example, June 8, 1978, should be shown as 1978/06/08.)

2. Some users currently think that an entry in the Communications Log is the equivalent of an EPSQ Receipt. The text in the Communications Log will be modified to avoid this misunderstanding. The new text will read: (Please note this communication log is not your notification that DSS has received your transmission. Receipts for transmitted data files may be obtained by visiting our Web site at https://sclient.dss.mil/epsq.)

3. Paragraph ten of the Instructions for Completing This Form section of the Privacy Act Statement presently reads:

(If you need additional space to list your residences or employment/self-employment/unemployment or education, you should use a continuation sheet, SF 86A. If additional space is needed to answer other items, use a blank piece of paper. Each blank piece of paper you use must contain your name and Social Security Number at the top of the page.)

This will change to:

(If you need any additional space to list any details, or you wish to amplify any of your responses provided to DSS, you should use the (Remarks) option provided in each of the Modules in EPSQ. There is also a (General Remarks) Module (Module 43) provided in the EPSQ SF86 for these purposes.)

4. On all Country Code tables, the United States of America will be both the first entry and the correct entry alphabetically.

5. Clarification will be added to the screen where the user indicates his/her (Originator Type). Presently, the choices are (Military/Government) or (Contractor). The corrected text will read (Military/Government (including Contractor personnel not requiring Security Clearances)) and Contractor (those requiring Security Clearances). This will eliminate thousands of requests being misrouted within CCMS.

Noteworthy

Thanks for your support... Our EPSQ Enews reader list has grown to over 3000 names.

Tip of the Day

1. Please be sure to visit our web site at http://www.dss.mil/epsq/. Some of the resources you will find there include: EPSQ Software, Important News & Notes, Worksheets (SF86, SF85P, SF85PS), LOC & Receipt System, FAQs and Documentation, On-Line User Guides.

New We have also posted a new Instructional PowerPoint Slide show which depicts many of the enhancements that will be found in Version 2.2.

We hope you found this information useful. As always if you have questions or comments you can contact us by email at epsq_questions@mail.dss.mil, complete our Feedback form at http://www.dss.mil/contactus/feedback.epsq.htm or call us at 1-800-542-0237.

Thank You.

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